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SUBJECT: VORSTER CONTACTS WITH SENGHOR AND HOUPHOUET

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1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION DECEMBER 19, MEA DIRECTOR AFRICA
DEPARTMENT OGUNSULIRE CLARIFIED REPORT REFTEL ABOUT MANNER
IN WHICH FMG LEARNED OF VORSTER TRIP TO IVORY COAST. FLIGHT
BY VORSTER TO YAMOSSOUKRO WAS IN FACT CONFIRMED BY IVORIANS
TO OGUNSULIRE HIMSELF WHEN LATTER STOPPED OFF IN ABIDJAN.
HOWEVER, HIS GOIC CONTACTS PROVIDED HIM NO DETAILS ON SUBSTANCE
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OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN VORSTER AND HOUPHOUET, NOR WOULD THEY

CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT SENGHOR HAD ALSO ATTENDED MEETING.

2. SPECULATING ON PERSONAL BASIS, OGUNSULIRE SUGGESTED VORSTER MIGHT HAVE BEEN SEEKING USE OF IVORY COAST AS SAA STOPOVER POINT ON FLIGHTS TO EUROPE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE OF CAPE VERDE ISLANDS OR MAY HAVE PROPOSED VARIOUS FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE ADDED THAT HOUPHOUET WOULD COVER HIS POLITICAL BASES WITH GREAT CARE BEFORE CONCLUDING ANY SUCH DEALS WITH SAG, BUT THAT HE HAD SUFFICIENT "POLITICAL SAGACITY" THAT HE MIGHT INDEED BE ABLE TO PULL IT OFF IF HE WISHED TO DO SO.
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